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Water gage contracts on environmental commission's September agenda

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DES MOINES—Contracts to monitor stream levels and water quality are up for the Environmental Protection Commission's approval at their Sept. 21 virtual meeting.

The business meeting will take place by video conference at 10 a.m. To join by video, connect with <https://meet.google.com/pcd-ryjg-uoa>. To join by phone, call 240-794-2779, and enter the PIN code of 934 190 235 followed by the pound (#) sign. The meeting is open to the public. There is no scheduled public participation. Written comments may be submitted up to one day before the meeting to Jerah Sheets at Jerah.Sheets@dnr.iowa.gov or to DNR, 502 E. Ninth St., Des Moines, IA 50319.

A contract with U.S. Geological Survey for stream gages and water quality monitoring is up for commissioners' approval. The proposed project includes 20 real-time stream gages that record stream flows enabling staff and others to compute stream flows at ungaged locations. Real-time water quality sensors will collect information on nitrates, turbidity, temperature and sediment in nine Iowa rivers.

Also up for approval, DNR's budget request, contract amendments for floodplain services and two watershed improvement projects.

The complete agenda follows:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Monthly Reports
- Director's Remarks
- FY 2023 Budget Request
- Solid Waste Alternatives Program – Contract Recommendations

- Amendments to the following contracts:
 - AECOM Technical Services, Inc.
 - Atkins North America, Inc.
 - Dewberry Engineers Inc.
 - Michael Baker International, Inc.
- Contract with Stantec Consulting Services Inc.
- Contract with Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (Yellow River Headwaters Water Quality Project)
- Contract with Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) – Black Hawk Lake Watershed Project
- Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund – FY 2022 Intended Use Plan Second Quarter Update
- Water Supply – Water Use & Allocation Annual Permit Fee
- Final Rule - Chapter 81 – Update to revocation rationale
- Contract with U.S. Geological Survey- IA-IL-MO Water Science Center
- 2022 EPC Meeting Dates
- General Discussion
- WorkSmart Project and WorkDay Transition
- Items for Next Month's Meeting
 - 19–EPC Business Meeting
 - 16–EPC Business Meeting & Optional SHL Tour
 - 21–EPC Business Meeting

Find the complete agenda and more information under [Environmental Protection Commission](#).

Commissioners include: Ralph Lents, Menlo, chair; Harold Hommes, Windsor Heights, vice chair; Stephanie Dykshorn, Ireton, secretary; Brad Bleam, Rockwell City; Rebecca Dostal, Traer; Amy Echard, Farmersburg; Patricia Foley, Huxley; Lisa Gochenour, Logan; and Mark Stutsman, Hills. Kayla Lyon is the DNR director.

Any person participating in the public meeting who has special requirements such as those related to mobility or hearing impairments should contact the DNR or ADA Coordinator at 515-725-8200, Relay Iowa TTY Service 800-735-7942, or Webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov, and advise of specific needs.

Public comment period for Section 401 Water Quality Certification of Nationwide Permits

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DES MOINES -- The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is soliciting comments for the Section 401 Water Quality Certification of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Nationwide Permits.

Nationwide Permits are general permits authorizing certain activities under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act which involve discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

Applicants seeking authorization to discharge to waters of the United States under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act from the Corps must also have a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the DNR. With a few exceptions, projects permitted using a Nationwide Permit with DNR certification do not require DNR's individual certification. Exceptions identified in the Antidegradation Implementation Procedure (2010 and 2016) do require individual certification.

Written comments regarding the certification and antidegradation analysis can be submitted until 4:30 p.m. Oct. 8. Please send written comments via email to Section401WQC@dnr.iowa.gov or by mail to Iowa DNR, Attn: Section 401 Water Quality Certification, 502 E. Ninth St., Des Moines IA 50319.

View the proposed certification and antidegradation review under [DNR Public Notices](#) on the [DNR Section 401 Water Quality Certification website](#).

Direct questions to Christine Schwake at 515-725-8399 or Section401WQC@dnr.iowa.gov.

Air Quality permits under review

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or Marnie.Stein@dnr.iowa.gov for Title V permits; or Sarah Piziali, DNR, at 515-725-9549 or Sarah.Piziali@dnr.iowa.gov for construction permits.

DES MOINES – The DNR Air Quality Bureau has the following draft permits up for review. The permits help protect Iowans' health and air quality. DNR's permitting staff review each permit application to ensure facilities comply with state and federal air quality requirements. We encourage public comments on draft permits, providing help on how to [make effective comments](#). Submit written comments to the assigned permit writer before 4:30 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. DNR considers public comments before finalizing the permits.

Title V Operating Permits

Title V Operating permits are reviewed and re-issued every five years. Facilities with a Title V permit have the potential to emit large amounts of air pollutants compared to other facilities. The five-year reviews are a federal requirement and ensure adequate monitoring is included in the permit. The DNR plans to issue Title V Operating Permits for the following facilities. Find permit details at www.iowadnr.gov/titlev-draft.

Marion County 3M (Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co.) – 3406 E. Pleasant St., Knoxville. The application was submitted to operate their existing coated and laminated paper, NEC facility. The public comment period ends Oct. 9.

Construction Permits

DNR engineers review and issue construction permits to facilities before they build new or modify existing sources of air pollution. The public may review the following air quality

construction permits available online at www.iowadnr.gov/airpermitsearch OR through the [EASY Air Public Inquiry Portal](#) and then click the Public Notice tab.

Chickasaw County

Homeland Energy Solutions, LLC - 2779 Highway 24, Lawler. Project No. 21-182. The facility asked to remove four emission sources. They also asked to increase the amount of grain they can receive and to add operational flexibility. Public comment period ends Oct. 11.

Homeland Energy Solutions, LLC – 2779 Highway 24, Lawler. Project No. 21-191. The facility asked to rescind a permit for four emission sources. Public comment period ends Nov. 11.

Johnson County Loparex, Inc. – 2000 Industrial Park Road, Iowa City. Project No. 21-112. The facility asked to modify stack characteristics. They also asked to remove an emission unit. The public comment period ends Oct. 18.



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